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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
SERIAL NO. 09/781,937  
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PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****PATENT APPLICATION**Applicants: **Buxton et. al.**Case: **AVOT-002**Serial No.: **09/781,937**Filed: **February 12, 2001**Examiner: **Borlinghaus, Jason M.**Group Art Unit: **3628**Confirmation No.: **1774**Title: **NETWORK REVERSE AUCTION AND SPENDING ANALYSIS METHODS**Mail Stop Amendment  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 17, 2005**

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 17, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time in connection with this response and the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-3562 for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.